



National Publication of the Supreme Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America

VOL. 14 No. 8

RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

288 MAIN ST., WORCESTER, MASS., AUGUST, 1959



## DISCUSS AUGUST SUPREME CONVENTION

Atty. Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, left, Grand Venerable of the host Massachusetts Grand Lodge, and Atty. Joseph B. Silverio, Allston, Past Grand Venerable and convention general chairman, discuss highlights of the forthcoming Supreme Convention to be held August 20-24 in Boston at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel.

## Boston Convention Agenda

## National Home High on List

By ALBERT A. MAINO

The Order's plan for a National Home in Washington, D. C., will be among the important subjects to be discussed at the August 20-24 Supreme Lodge convention to be held at the Sheraton-Plaza in Boston.

Progress of the national home project, under the chairmanship of John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., has reached the fund-raising stage. It is expected that plans will be advanced for a nationwide campaign to begin soon after the convention.

The location of the home will be at 1600 Massachusetts avenue, N.W. The four-story building purchased by the Order last year has been completely razed.

### Funds for Public Relations

Delegates will also be asked to allocate funds for the Order's National Public Relations Com-

mittee. Supreme Venerable Gor-rasi will ask for the allocation to establish a sound public relations program. The Public Relations Committee, headed by A. Alfred Marcello, Director of OSIA NEWS, is presently conducting a campaign against the free use of the word 'Mafia' throughout the country by TV, radio, news media and government officials. The committee has been conducting a limited, though effective, public relations program for

Turn to AGENDA, Page 7

## Order's Marconi Award

## Judge Alessandrini Wins Honor

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, has been named the second recipient of the Order's highest honor — The Guglielmo Marconi Award.

Announcement was made by Supreme Venerable Joseph Gor-rasi, Woburn, Mass. Selection of Judge Alessandrini, from a field of outstanding candidates, was made by the Marconi Award committee. First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, New Haven, Conn., is committee chairman.

The first recipient of the

Order's top award, presented at the 1955 Golden Jubilee Convention in Philadelphia, was Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, board chairman of Radio Corp. of America.

The award, established in 1955, is presented to the person who "best exemplifies the purposes and ideals of Guglielmo Marconi," noted Italian-born inventor of the wireless. Grand Venerable Luigi Scala of Rhode Island served as the first committee chairman.

The award is in the form of a statuette of a woman standing on

Turn to AWARD, Page 7

## The Mafia "Bogey Man"

# Reaction Mounts On Broad Front

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO, OSIA NEWS DIRECTOR

The campaign by the Order Sons of Italy in America to puncture the myth of the "Mafia bogey man" is moving rapidly on a broad front.

Chief development up to press time has been the reaction of key men in the Federal government. This reaction stems from a series of steps taken by the Order's National Committee on Public Relations designed to curb the flagrant misuse of the word Mafia.

Among those who have replied to letters written by the Order's National Public Relations Chairman are:

U. S. Sen. John L. McClellan, Arkansas, chairman of special Senate Committee investigating organized labor.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

U. S. Sen. Barry Goldwater, Arizona, member of the McClellan Senate Committee.

## The Questions

Through the Order's National Committee on Public Relations a number of key men in the Federal government have been asked in letters to answer the following:

1. If official investigations by Federal officials have positively determined that a Mafia does exist in the United States.

2. And if such an investigation has ever been made why hasn't the government made the facts public and efforts made to apprehend and prosecute the leaders.

3. If official probes have not been able to establish that the Mafia does exist why have these facts been held back from the public.

### Key Men Contacted

The key men contacted by the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee are Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and U. S. Sen. John P. McClellan who heads the special Senate committee investigating organized labor.

In addition to contacting these three key figures the Order's Public Relation chairman also sent letters to all other members of the McClellan Committee as well as to Robert Kennedy, chief counsel for the committee.

In each case the government officials reached were advised as to the Order's campaign to curb the free and easy use of the word Mafia.

### Position Made Clear

Each letter was accompanied by copies of the July issue of OSIA NEWS in which the Order's position in the Mafia question was made crystal clear.

The letters stated that the Order "believes that the time has come for positive action on the part of those governmental agencies concerned with matters dealing with crime in the United States."

Public Relations Chairman A. Alfred Marcello in the letters wrote:

"If such an organization as the Mafia does exist then defi-

Turn to QUESTIONS, Page 7

## For The Record

For the record we present several letters received by the Order's National Public Relations Chairman.

### Sen. McClellan

Dear Mr. Marcello:

This acknowledges your letter of July 7.

In the course of testimony in public hearings, in executive session, and in correspondence and documents the Committee has received, reference has been made to the Mafia. You ask me now if I have definite proof that such an organization exists. I can say to you that we do have, I believe, conclusive proof that syndicated crime

Turn to McCLELLAN, Page 6

### J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Marcello:

I have your letter of July 7, 1959, with enclosures, and I appreciate very much having been furnished with this information.

You can be sure I fully understand the great concern which the National Committee on Public Relations, Order Sons of Italy in America, has voiced with reference to the manner in which the word Ma-

Turn to HOOVER, Page 6

### Sen. Goldwater

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Your letter of July 7, 1959, and enclosures have been received and carefully read.

I would quite agree with you that there has been no substantial evidence produced that would support well-publicized statements that there exists a "Mafia" in the United States.

This is, as your article in the OSIA NEWS so correctly points out, most unfair to this country's fine Italian Americans whose industry and fine character have contributed much to the building of our nation. Your approach to this problem is a good one, and I hope it is successful.

## The Reaction

In this edition we carry a number of letters from key men in the Federal Government, letters written to the Order's National Public Relations Chairman in response to a series of questions in reference to "The Case of the Mafia - U.S.A."

These letters speak for themselves, but we want to call particular attention to letters received by the Public Relations Committee from U. S. Senators McClellan and Goldwater as well as a letter from FBI Director Hoover.

We ask our readers to contrast Senator McClellan's reply with that of his colleague, Sen. Barry Goldwater, Arizona, who has taken part in the McClellan Committee hearings.

In his reply to Public Relations Chairman Marcello Senator McClellan has this to say:

"You ask me now if I have definite proof that such an organization (the Mafia) exists. I can say to you that we do have, I believe, conclusive proof that syndicated crime does exist in some sections of the country.

"Some refer to such organizations as the Mafia. Some believe it actually to be the

Turn to REACTION, Page 7

## Pennsylvania

## Ask Legislature To Take Action In Mafia Case

Resolutions introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature concerning the Mafia, urged Congress to investigate its existence and asked that the free and easy use of the word be stopped.

The Senate resolution requested Congress to investigate rumors concerning the existence of a national organization of criminals of Italian descent known as the Mafia. It asked that if such an organization does exist that it be prosecuted, and that a

Turn to LEGISLATURE, Page 7



# Charting Our Course

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

Where do we stand? And where do we go from here?

These two questions were posed in an article "A Bogey Man and His Myth" which appeared in last month's edition of OSIA NEWS. This was the article in which we told how thousands of Americans are being stigmatized by the indiscriminate use of the infamous word Mafia. We said then and we will say it again—a certain segment in the United States has committed the gross crime of "brainwashing" the American public to the point where a great many persons no longer can differentiate between fact and fiction.

We also pointed out that unless we did something to stop this bogey man irreplaceable damage may be done to the many things the Order Sons of Italy in America has long worked for.

So, what do we do? And how do we do it?

As we see it the problem calls for action on a broad front.

Our attack must be broad enough so we can win support for our cause outside our ranks. We can only do this by a hard, concerted campaign. This campaign must be logical and intelligent. It must be devoid of hysteria and breast-beating. We attack by showing our neighbors and friends that we are good Americans and that we are making many contributions to the American way of life. We do this by a comprehensive program of education. This program of education to be so designed that the American public will soon come to accept the myth of the Mafia for what it is—a bogey man conjured up by headline hunters and money-hungry fiction writers.

Step by step we will show how the Mafia bogey man has insinuated itself into our daily lives.

And at the same time we will educate our own people—Americans of Italian origin—to certain cold realities. We shall educate our people to their responsibilities as Americans. These are responsibilities they cannot brush aside casually. All will be lost if they do.

Our plan also calls for another type of positive action. Whenever necessary we put the spotlight on those persons who are responsible for raising the specter of the Mafia and thus arousing racial antipathy.

We do this by a close scrutiny of news media and the entertainment field and take quick action whenever newspapers, the movies and television are out of bounds. If necessary we will borrow lessons from the Legion of Decency, an organization which has brought about a new value of morals in entertainment standards. We will get results only if we demonstrate that we are united and can fight back when the occasion demands it.

No Defense for Mafia

But whatever we do we must not at any time try to defend the Mafia organization as it was known in Sicily. We must show our neighbors that what we are really concerned about is that the word Mafia has been used as an instrument by certain per-

sons in high places to achieve their own selfish ends. And what these individuals have done and how they have gone about it has cast a shadow on many innocent persons.

That in our opinion should be our position. We believe that any attempt to defend the Mafia organization as it existed in Italy in yesteryear will be misinterpreted by those we are trying to win over as friends.

It would be the same as defending mobsters of today as "nice guys" because they give generously to charitable organizations.

There is no defense for today's racketeer however he throws his tainted money about. There is no defense for anyone who violates the law just because he bears an Italian name.

It all boils down to this—there is no defense for anyone who willfully violates the law of the land.

Through the years Mafia has become an ugly word. However the word is used it is immediately associated with Italians. That is what we are concerned about and nothing else.

We want no part of racketeers even though they may be "nice guys" to some individuals. We want no part of them because every racketeer with an Italian name is responsible for dragging our heritage through the muck of the underworld.

We are not fighting their battle. What we are fighting for is to protect the reputations of law abiding Americans of Italian descent who have been smeared with the evil label of Mafia.

We take justifiable pride in the fact that the Order Sons of Italy in America is the largest organization of men and women of Italian origin in this country. Many look to us for leadership in all matters concerned with the welfare of our people. That is as it should be. But it follows that we must be worthy of the confidence our people have in us. It is simply a question that we must justify our existence. We have done many things in our 55 years or so of existence. But it is also true that in many things we have done ours has been a nega-

tive approach. Passing resolutions is not enough. What we do after we pass resolutions is what counts. Because in essence this is positive action. It means you follow through with more than words.

Emulate the Jews

We have stated that we must educate our neighbors—men and women with roots other than Italian. Well, we would do well to emulate our Jewish friends who have demonstrated time and again that they are experts in combating anti-semitism.

How they have done this is through POSITIVE ACTION. Whenever there is a need our Jewish brethren do something and do it objectively. They do not talk among themselves as to their contributions to the American way of life. Instead they take their message to other groups that have gone into the making of the melting pot that is the United States. They do it through literature, documentary films, etc. By putting the spotlight on the accomplishments of their race, the Jews do much to counteract anything smacking of anti-semitism.

The Jews have long had a successful program along these lines. And spear-heading this program is the fraternal organization of B'nai B'rith. This organization is quite similar to ours. It has an Anti-Defamation League which carries the brunt of the fight against race prejudice. This association has regional offices throughout the United States and a staff to carry out its program.

Jewish League

The B'nai Brith's Anti-Defamation League spends large sums of money each year to carry out its program. For example money allotted to one of the regional offices for one year is greater than our Supreme Lodge's total budget for the same period.

All this we point out just so our readers will realize there is a great deal more to an effective public relations program than what appears on the surface.

Getting people to know us, getting people to properly evaluate our worth is not a catch-as-catch-can job. Rather it is something we must work at every day.

We are convinced that many persons outside our ranks have no idea how they have helped to spawn the Mafia bogey man. We are convinced that they have unwittingly been a party to this whole business and once we have shown them how they have helped to create a great fraud they will rally to our standard in large numbers.

It should be obvious that whatever we do at the outset should be of a conciliatory nature. We state our position clearly, but without rancor or threats. This falling, then and only then do we demonstrate that our teeth are sharp and will be used if necessary.

## One Facet of Campaign

Some 2000 newspapers and radio and television stations were serviced with the following release by the United Press International and the Associated Press which was timed with the mailing of the July edition of OSIA NEWS to members of the Order. To properly assess the value of this national release we ask our readers to consider the tremendous job it would be to write and mail individual letters to all daily newspapers and broadcasting facilities in the United States. The release carried here is published as it appeared in the June 29 edition of The Evening Bulletin, Providence, R. I. (circulation 141,391) under a two column heading "Sons of Italy Against Loose Use of Mafia."

Worcester — (UPI) — A nationwide campaign to curb the "free and easy" use of the word "Mafia" has been launched by the Order Sons of Italy in America.

This organization, with thousands of members throughout the United States and Canada, contends that the word is being bandied about these days by the press, television, radio and the movies without regard for fact.

"We feel that thousands of Americans of Italian origin, decent law abiding citizens, are being stigmatized, unwittingly or otherwise," said Chairman A. Alfred Marcello of OSIA's National Committee on Public Relations.

"So we propose to attack the problem by education and positive action . . . Every news media, every television show, every movie will come in for close scrutiny by our entire membership. And if it is found that the word 'Mafia' is being used merely as a catch-phrase or to make headlines, proper action will be taken . . ."

More than half the July issue of OSIA NEWS, monthly

organ of OSIA, is devoted to the Mafia problem. The paper contends that loose use of the word "Mafia" has spawned "a monstrous bogey man" in America.

Callow journalism, cheap Hollywood and television melodrama, irresponsible public officials and the muddled imagination of fiction writers has gone into the making of this bogey man," the paper adds.

"We must somehow puncture the myth that surrounds this bogey man or soon everyone of Italian origin will be wearing the infamous badge of 'Mafia'."

The paper says the constant misuse of the word "Mafia" conceivably could affect OSIA's program to liberalize this nation's immigration laws.

OSIA NEWS says the bogey man was first spawned in the headlines of the now-famous Apalachin (N.Y.) case, the gangland convention that was raided by police.

"Some enterprising reporter," OSIA NEWS says, "tagged the men as leaders of the Mafia in this country and that tag has persisted."

## A Letter to Public Officials

The Chairman of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations wrote to a score or more of prominent persons in Federal and State governments regarding the Order's campaign on the misuse of the word Mafia.

Members of Congress receiving the letter were: U. S. Sen. John O. Pastore of R. I.; Reps. Emilio Q. Daddario and Robert N. Giaimo of Connecticut; Rep. Silvio O. Conte, Mass.; Reps. Peter W. Rodino, Jr., and Hugh J. Addonizio, N. J.; Reps. Victor L. Anfusa, Alfred E. Santangelo and Paul A. Fino, N. Y.; Rep. Delbert A. Latta, Ohio and Reps. John A. Lafore, Jr., Walter M. Mumma and John H. Dent, Pa.

Governors receiving the letter were: Christopher Del Sesto, R. I.; Foster Furcolo, Mass.; Michael V. DiSalle, Ohio; Albert Rosellini, Wash.; and Edmund Brown, California.

Two copies of the July edition of OSIA NEWS accompanied each letter.

Here is a copy of the letter:

Accompanying this letter are two copies of the July issue of OSIA NEWS, the official publication of the Supreme Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Your attention is called to material on pages one, two and three of this issue regarding the Mafia.

We ask your indulgence to take time out from your pressing duties to read this material. We ask this because of your interest concerning the millions of Americans of Italian origin.

There has been much bandying about of the word Mafia in recent months. The Order Sons of Italy in America is concerned over this. Our organization, the largest fraternal organization of Italian Americans in the United States and Canada,

proposes to tackle this problem on a broad front.

I have been asked to write to you in my capacity as National Chairman of Public Relations for the Order Sons of Italy in America. We want you to keep abreast of what we are doing and what we will do to counteract the unfavorable publicity resulting from the use of the word Mafia.

This so you will understand our position.

Respectfully yours,  
A. Alfred Marcello

## OSIA NEWS

Published Monthly By  
The Supreme Lodge of  
Order Sons of Italy in America

The Largest Fraternal Order  
Of Americans of Italian  
Extraction

Business and Editorial Offices  
288 Main St., Worcester 8, Mass.

A. ALFRED MARCELLO  
Director

ALBERT A. MAINO  
Managing Editor

ATTENTION POSTMASTERS:  
Return all copies of this publication not delivered to subscribers for any reason to this address: OSIA NEWS, 288 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Subscription for One Year—  
30 Cents  
39,017 Copies Mailed This Issue

Second Class Postage Paid  
at Worcester, Mass.

## A Letter Commending Columnist

Here are excerpts from a letter sent to the columnist, Westbrook Pegler, by the chairman of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations, commending Mr. Pegler for what he had to say in a recent column criticizing the misuse of the word Mafia:

As national chairman of public relations for the Order Sons of Italy in America I want to take this opportunity to thank you not only on my behalf but also on behalf of thousands of members of our organization for what you had to say in your column. Coming from you, the remarks concerning the Mafia will carry considerable weight.

Our organization proposes to tackle this problem on a broad front. We think the time has come to do something about the stigma being attached to thousands of law abiding citizens of Italian origin by the loose handling of the word Mafia.

Again, many thanks for championing our cause.

Respectfully yours,

A. ALFRED MARCELLO



# Major Exhibits In Our Case "The Mafia=U.S.A."

On this page are a number of exhibits in our case against those who are helping to nurture the Mafia bogey man.

**EXHIBIT A** is a cartoon and an editorial which appeared in June on the editorial page of the Los Angeles Times.

**EXHIBIT B** is about the murder of a school teacher in San Francisco.

**EXHIBIT C** shows how news stories about the Mafia in the United States are influencing the immigration policy of the Canadian Government.

**EXHIBIT D** graphically illustrates how the word Mafia is being bandied about these days.

**EXHIBIT E** demonstrates what some television people will do to exploit their programs.

## EXHIBIT A:

### Now It's a Case of Quibbling

On Thursday morning, June 18, the Los Angeles Times published a cartoon on its editorial page which we are reproducing on this page. Other than a caption there was no other explanation accompanying the cartoon. However, on the following morning—June 19—the Los Angeles Times carried an editorial under the heading of **TIME TO SCRATCH DEEPLY**.

The cartoon and the editorial are presented here as **EXHIBIT A** in our case—The Mafia—U.S.A.

As our readers will see the cartoon depicts a sinister looking individual holding a revolver in a "black hand." The implication would be quite clear even if the cartoonist did not ink in the word Mafia on the "black hand."

In the editorial **TIME TO SCRATCH DEEPLY** the Los Angeles newspaper discussed at some length a California Legislative report on organized crime in that state.

From the tenor of the editorial we gather that California authorities have quite a crime problem on their hands. The Los Angeles Times is obviously concerned with the crime problem and that is understandable. The editors of

the Los Angeles Times are to be commended for their zeal in placing the spotlight on a vicious condition. But what is not understandable is how a newspaper of this caliber, unwittingly or otherwise, can lend its facilities to help keep the myth of the Mafia alive.

In our opinion they do this when they persist in publishing the type of cartoon we have reproduced on this page. And the Los Angeles Times compounds the felony when they allow their editorial writers to take journalistic largesse to bolster a weak case.

Witness these two paragraphs, the concluding paragraphs, in the Los Angeles Times editorial:

"The governor's (Gov. Edmund Brown) recent cursory investigation questioned the existence of the 'Mafia' in California but did not deny Mafia-type operation and organization of crime.

"Nothing is gained by **QUIBBLING** over the name of the crime organization. Whatever it is called, it must be destroyed."

Is this objective journalism? If so then we pass.

In our considered judgment

these two pithy paragraphs in the Los Angeles Times are the best argument we can present to illustrate how the word Mafia is misused by most writers today.

In one breath the writer of the Los Angeles Times' editorial cries Mafia and then in another he says Mafia-type.

The Los Angeles Times editorial states and we quote—"nothing is gained by quibbling over the name of the crime organization." Well, we take a dim view of that statement. It is quite obvious that even in the minds of the Los Angeles Times' editors there is some doubt that the Mafia does exist. But no matter, they say, it is Mafia-like. And pray what is Mafia-like and who is the expert on the Los Angeles Times editorial staff who knows the difference between the two?

Quibbling is not the issue here; what is involved is using the right words in the right places. It's as simple as that.

The Los Angeles Times is guilty of callow journalism when it resorts to catch-phrases to make headlines.

There can be no other conclusion in this case.

and the word Mafia had no direct bearing on the case.

Here is another prime example of how the word Mafia is being used these days. Where did the murderer get the idea of adding a macabre touch to his handiwork? There is cause and effect to all things so the answer is quite simple. Where else would the murderer get the idea but in the newspapers, the movies or television.

The director is grateful to Supreme Trustee Gullia Besozzi of San Francisco for bringing the San Francisco incident to the attention of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations.

street corner. Two men are carrying on an animated conversation. One man is telling the other about a recent visit to a new clubhouse built by professional and businessmen of Italian descent. He tops the conversation off with this tidbit: "As I see it this is just another glorified Mafia club."

Where did these incidents take place? In Worcester, Mass., but it could well have been your hometown. And it could well have been you who witnessed these three tableaux instead of the Director of OSIA NEWS or his assistant, Al Maino.

ITEM NO. 3 — Scene on a



Here is a reproduction of a cartoon which was published in the Thursday morning, June 18th edition of the Los Angeles Times. The cartoon appeared on the editorial page with no further explanation other than an innocuous caption which escapes us for the moment. But on the following morning—June 19—the Los Angeles Times carried an editorial entitled **TIME TO SCRATCH DEEPLY** commenting on crime conditions in California. For our comment on this editorial we refer you to **EXHIBIT A** in our case on "THE MAFIA—U. S. A."

## EXHIBIT D:

### As Canadian Editors See It

Are people influenced by what they read, or see on television or on the movie screen?

The answer to this can probably be found in an incident which took place in Toronto, Canada, early last April. The place was the Royal York Hotel and the occasion a civic luncheon for newspaper editors in the Toronto area.

The luncheon came at a time when the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council was in session in Toronto. Officials of the Order were present at the luncheon as guests of Toronto's mayor.

A. Alfred Marcello, director of OSIA NEWS, also in attendance, made it a point to talk to a number of the editors on hand. Brother Marcello sought background on a move by the Canadian

government to restrict immigration from Italy.

The editors Marcello talked to all expressed concern over a number of news events originating in the United States. All these events in one way or another featured the word Mafia.

One editor told Marcello quite frankly:

"There is a growing fear among responsible Canadians that someday Canada may be faced with the situation now facing citizens of the United States unless something forthright is done to restrict Italian immigration to Canada."

And pounding the table for emphasis this same editor continued:

"From what we read it appears that the criminal element in the States for the most comprises men with Italian names."

## EXHIBIT E:

### TV Cashes In on the Headlines

The extremes some individuals in the entertainment field will go to cash in on headlines of the day is seen in Exhibit E of our case.

Some months ago the Columbia Broadcasting System televised a program called "The Night The Phone Rang." This was an hour long show sponsored by Westinghouse and produced by Desi Arnaz's Desilu Playhouse.

There was very little exploitation at the time so the production went by almost unnoticed. On Monday night, June 29 there was a rebroadcast of this same production. But this time the repeat

show was accompanied by a fanfare of publicity.

In the magazine, TV Guide, and key newspapers throughout the country the repeat performance was advertised along these lines:

"To save his life, he must kill. A tense drama of the Mafia's power."

Publicity reaching newspapers from CBS all stressed the Mafia angle. Fortunately, most editors did not fall into the trap set for

Turn to EXHIBIT, Page 7

## EXHIBIT B:

### A Macabre Touch to Murder

San Francisco newspapers had a field day with a recent murder in that city. And were it not for the tragic circumstances, some aspects of the case would border on the ludicrous.

On the morning of June 17 the body of a Sanger, Calif., school teacher was found in a San Francisco motel. The man, identified by police as Joseph Mazeski, was the victim of a brutal murder.

Scrawled in soap on a mirror

in the motel room was the word Mafia.

Typical of headlines in the San Francisco newspapers that afternoon was one in the San Francisco News. Large bold type proclaimed "SF MAFIA MURDER."

The following day newspapers had a change in heart when San Francisco police debunked the scrawl on the mirror by stating that the scrawl "appeared to be an afterthought of the culprit"

replies: "It's hot stuff; real Mafia style!"

ITEM NO. 2 — Scene in a restaurant. Three men are discussing headlines in the evening newspaper. Crime seems to be the general topic. One of the men is talking about a liquor store hold-up. In describing the holdup man the speaker comes up with this gem: "Obviously that guy was schooled in the Mafia."

ITEM NO. 3 — Scene on a

## EXHIBIT C:

### This Could Happen Anywhere

Here are a few examples of how the word Mafia is insinuating itself into the thinking of the American people.

ITEM NO. 1 — Scene in the hat department of a men's clothing store. The buyer of the department is modeling a man's straw hat imported from Italy to a couple of customers. One customer remarks: "That's smart styling." To which the buyer



# Six New Grand Venerables Elected

Six of nine Grand Lodges reporting convention results in this issue have elected new Grand Venerables.

The new state heads are, Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Massachusetts; Grand Venerable Carmine A. Ventiera, New York; Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella, Illinois; Grand Venerable Frank V. Orrico, Washington; Grand Venerable John B. Sartor, Florida, and Grand Venerable Peter Sabau, Indiana.

The Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Nebraska re-elected their respective Grand Venerables for 1959-61.

## Pennsylvania

READING, Pa. — President Judge Eugene V. Alessandroni, Philadelphia, was re-elected Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order for a 19th consecutive term. He has been re-elected by acclamation since his first term in 1923.

Other officers elected were Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Philadelphia; Assistant Grand Venerable James Ianucci, Philadelphia; Assistant Grand Venerable Albert Chenet, Latrobe; Grand Orator Nicholas Cipriani, Philadelphia; Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Glenside; Grand Financial Secretary Miss Josephine Parrillo, Philadelphia; Grand Treasurer Anthony Zaffiro, Reading.

Grand Trustees, Frank Bosco, Monessen; Gerard S. Caprio, Lock Haven; Adolph Cicco, Butler; Richard Daddona, Norristown; Anthony DeOre, Connellsville; James Iorfida, Ambridge; Guy Mammolite, Franklin; Arthur Paulini, Old Forge; John Teti, Coatesville; Mary DeMatteis, Altoona; John DaPanfills, Ridgeway; Antonio Leone, Allentown; Eugene Mirarchi, Kulpmont; Ernest Strollo, Philadelphia; Joseph Monte, Philadelphia; and Harry Farina, Harrisburg.

Officers of the Pennsylvania Women's Division are, Mrs. Mary Ciccarone, president; Norristown; Mrs. Frances Davido, vice president, Ridgeway; Miss Fernanda Amadio, secretary; Ardmore; Mrs. Angeline Bosco, treasurer, Monessen; Mrs. Lena Campbell, Philadelphia; Mrs. Josephine Rossi, Ambridge; Mrs. Yolanda Prosperini, Ellwood City, and Miss Joanne Strollo, Germantown, trustees.

## Massachusetts

BOSTON — Atty. Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, was elected Grand Venerable at the 45th Massachusetts grand convention. He succeeds Ex-Grand Venerable John Guarino, East Boston.

Other Grand Council members are, First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester; Second Assistant Grand Venerable Mrs. Madeline Micell, Medford; Grand Orator R. Alfred Campisi, Waltham; Grand Recording Secretary Miss Sophie E. Gorrasi, Woburn; Grand Financial Secretary Frank W. Liberator, Fitchburg; and Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone, Newton.

Grand Trustees: Frank Esposito, North Adams; Joseph A. Toscano, Worcester; John L. Moschilli, Milford; Mario Colombo, Beverly; Antonio Mosca, Boston; Olindo Ventola, Revere;

Russell Iuliano, Belmont; Mrs. Josephine Daniele, Weymouth; Louis Salvatore, Brockton; Mrs. Anne Pascarelli, Dorchester; Joseph V. Nuccio, Lynnfield, and James McMahon, Auburn, Maine.

Officers of the Benefit Insurance Commission are, Sebastian N. Tanguoso, president, Chelsea; Miss Edith L. D'Orazio secretary, Malden; Edward DeSimone, treasurer, East Boston; Guy Arrigo, Revere; Joseph M. Bonfiglio, Belmont; Jack Cincotti, Boston, and Joseph Petrino, Belmont, commissioners.

## New York

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — Carmine A. Ventiera, Brooklyn, has been elected Grand Venerable at the 53rd New York grand convention held at the Onondaga Hotel.

Brother Ventiera was named Grand Venerable late in 1957 to fill the unexpired term of the then Grand Venerable, Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, who had been elected Second Assistant Supreme Venerable at the San Francisco Supreme convention.

Other Grand Lodge officers elected were, First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter Brevett, Cortland; Second Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Migliaccio, White Plains; Ex-Grand Venerable Francis X. Giaccone, Brooklyn; Grand Orator Eleonora Iannone, Endicott; Grand Recording Secretary Gregorio Morabito, Mount Vernon; Grand Financial Secretary Constantine Fascia, Mechanicville; Grand Treasurer Frank B. Pioggia, Albany.

Grand Trustees: Frank Yozzo, Dobbs Ferry; Domenic D'Emidio, Ossining; Dario Ramazzotti, Manhasset; Stephen DiGiorgio, Schenectady; Angela Mirabelli, Utica; Rose Thomas, Trumansburg; Blagio Genovese, Oswego; Joseph Black, White Plains; Joseph Fabrizio, Binghamton; John Satriale, Bronx; Paul Marocco, Mechanicville; Angelo Sano, Albany; Joseph Amato, Syracuse; Rose Fratarcangelo, Corning, and Adam Gallucci, Cortland.

## Illinois

CHICAGO—Humphrey W. Serritella, Chicago, is the new Grand Venerable of the Illinois Grand Lodge. He succeeds Judge Alexander J. Napoli, Chicago, who now serves as Ex-Grand Venerable.

Others elected at the grand convention were, Assistant Grand Venerable Emil M. Callendo, Chicago; Grand Orator John G. Spatuzza, Chicago; Grand Recording Secretary V. D. Signorile, Elmwood Park; Grand Financial Secretary



Mrs. Serritella Vigna, Chicago; Grand Treasurer Michael A. Cifone, Chicago; Grand Trustees: Ralph Strocchia, Chicago; Mrs. Catherine Bruno, Chicago; Martin R. Buccieri, Elmwood Park; Anthony Salerno, Chicago; E. Louis



**WEST VIRGINIA GRAND CONVENTION COMMITTEE**  
Members of the convention committee for the West Virginia grand convention held last month at Fairmont, were, seated, left to right, Mrs. Flora J. Allevato, Frank Allevato, Mrs. Catherine Yann, venerable of the host General Diaz Lodge; Mrs. Vincenza Viani, general chairman, and Mrs. Erminia DeVito; standing, left to right, Mrs. Matteo Sacchetti, Mrs. Carolina Meo, Mrs. Mary A Mustacchio and Mrs. Filomena Pellillo.



**OHIO LODGE HONORS BALL PLAYER**  
Rocky Colavito, Cleveland Indians slugging outfielder, receives luggage and resolutions from the Ohio Grand Lodge and Ohio Legislature for his June 10th performance at Baltimore, hitting four consecutive home runs. Making the presentations were, left to right, Atty. Ernest Teodosio, Akron, president of the state benefit society; Supreme Trustee Anthony E. Candela, Ashtabula, and State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, Cleveland, Grand Venerable of the Ohio Order.

Cordano, Joliet; Gus Fiascone, Chicago; Frank Mascolo, Blue Island; Miss Claire Menchini, Chicago, and Dominick M. Alberti, Chicago.

Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, is Honorary Grand Venerable of the Illinois Order.

## The Northwest

SEATTLE, Wash. — Delegates at the recent grand convention elected Frank V. Orrico as Grand Venerable of the Northwest Grand Lodge. Brother Orrico succeeds Ex-Grand Venerable Dr. Nichols Sarro, both of this city.

Others elected to the Grand Council were, Assistant Grand Venerable Nick Roselli, Seattle; Grand Orator Reitha Spadafore, Tacoma; Grand Recording Secretary Carmela Napoli, Seattle; Grand Financial Secretary John Anthony, Seattle; Grand Treasurer Frank Siccaldi, Seattle; Grand Trustees: Anthony Mola, Seattle; Anthony Macchia, Everett; Frank Costi, Black Diamond; Amelia Montecucco, Spokane, and Dorothy Genna, Tacoma.

## Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. — Frank Montagna, Norfolk, was re-elected Grand Venerable at the Virginia grand convention held at the Jefferson Hotel.

Also elected to the Grand Council were, Ex-Grand Venerable Italo D. Iaccheri, Richmond; Assistant Grand Venerable Fiorina Stebbing, Richmond; Grand Orator Mary Calandro, Arlington; Grand Recording Secretary Dominick Quagliara, Portsmouth; Grand Financial Secretary John Zizzini, Norfolk; Grand Treasurer Mrs. Rose Montgomery, Portsmouth; Grand Trustees: John Cimino, Norfolk; Dominick Fratarcangelo, Hopewell; Mrs. Adeline DiLeo, Norfolk; A. D. Minutolo, Norfolk; Mrs. Palma Rossano, Portsmouth; Mrs. Tisbee Sykes, Richmond; and Mrs. Angelina Luciano, Norfolk.

## Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — John B. Sartor has been elected Grand Venerable of the Grand Lodge of Florida. The Fort Lauderdale resident succeeds Ex-

Grand Venerable Daniel DiBona, Tampa.

Other members of the Grand Council are, Assistant Grand Venerable Paul Longo, Tampa; Grand Orator Frank DeRosa, Hialeah; Grand Recording Secretary Lillian Perzia, Tampa; Grand Financial Secretary Giulio Cacciato, Tampa; Grand Treasurer Anthony Accurso, Tampa; Grand Trustees: Theresa Cacciato, Angelo Giovenco, William Scarpino, Dominio D'Amato, Emilio DiSimone, Peter Morelli and Vincenzo Maggio.

## Nebraska

OMAHA—Delegates to the Nebraska grand convention held here re-elected Carl Marino as Grand Venerable for another two-year term.

Other Grand Council members elected, all residents of Omaha, are, Assistant Grand Venerable Alfio Sapienza, Ex-Grand Venerable Anthony Pisasale, Grand Orator Pasquale Ricessi, Grand Recording Secretary Joseph Caruso, Grand Financial Secretary Gaetano Caniglia, Grand Treasurer Joseph Vancanti, Grand Trustees: Concetta Sartino, Rosa DiMauro, Concettina Piccolo and Joseph Grassio.

## Indiana

GARY, Ind. — Peter Sabau, East Chicago, has been named Grand Venerable of Indiana at the grand convention held in the Gary Hotel. Brother Sabau succeeds Ex-Grand Venerable Domenic J. Colone.

Other members of the Grand Council are, Assistant Grand Venerable Terzo Ameidi, Gary; Grand Orator Joseph Yaney, Ft. Wayne; Grand Recording Secretary Mrs. Betty Gentile, Ft. Wayne; Grand Financial Secretary Miss Lucy Castelluccio, Richmond; Grand Treasurer Ralph Quaglio, Richmond; Grand Trustees: Frank Colone, Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Marie Quaglio, Richmond; Mrs. Lila Puperi, Gary; Phillip Pappia, Richmond, and Mrs. Marie Sabau, East Chicago.

## Binghamton, N. Y. Lodges Observe 43rd Anniversary

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. — A large gathering attended the 43rd annual banquet sponsored by Principe Ereditario Lodge No. 487 and Silver Star Lodge No. 1916.

Judge Joseph A. Yavonditte, Albany, ex-venerable of Roma Intangible Lodge, was principal speaker.



# More Than 400 Attend Banquet

BOSTON—More than 400 delegates representing 139 lodges attended the convention banquet in the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

Judge John J. Connolly, presiding justice of Boston Juvenile Court, and Msgr. Timothy F. O'Leary were principal speakers. Guests

At the head table were Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, outgoing Grand Venerable John Guarino, Gov. Foster Furcolo, U. S. Atty. Anthony Julian, Past Grand Venerable of the Massachusetts Order; Judge Frank W. Tomasello, Judge Felix Forte, Past Supreme Venerable and Past Grand Venerable of the Massachusetts Order; Grand Venerable-elect Paul A. D'Agostino, Italian Consul General Alfredo Trinchieri, Public Works Commissioner Anthony DiNatale, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Supreme Chaplain.

Also, the Very Rev. Armand H. Desautels, president of Assumption College in Worcester; Governor's Councillor Michael J. Favulli, Worcester; the Rev. Fr. Albert Jacobbe, Grand Chaplain, who gave the invocation.

## Toastmaster

John A. Voipe, Winchester, past grand orator and chairman of the Order's National Home Committee, was toastmaster.

A highlight of the banquet program was the awarding of \$350 collegiate scholarships to 18 outstanding high school seniors.

Mrs. Foster Furcolo, first lady of the Commonwealth, was honored by women delegates at a tea held in the afternoon.

## New Jersey

### Mayor Catanoso Paid Tribute At Wildwood

WILDWOOD, N. J. — Mayor Anthony T. Catanoso, a member of Sylvester Grand Lodge No. 1838, was honored at a testimonial banquet held in the Sons of Italy Hall.

Speakers included Mayor Catanoso, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Augustine Crine, Venerable Aurelio H. Bottiglieri, Mayor Ralph G.

## SORRY . . .

Because of space a great deal of material from lodges throughout the country could not be used in this edition of OSIA NEWS. We ask our readers to bear with us. We are sure that they will understand the importance of the work being done to puncture the myth of the Mafia.

Our readers may rest assured that all material now on hand will be used in the September edition.

We ask your indulgence.



## GUESTS AT BAY STATE CONVENTION

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, left, is shown with the Governor of Massachusetts and Grand Lodge officials at the convention banquet. From left, Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, Gov. Foster Furcolo, Grand Venerable-elect Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, and outgoing Grand Venerable John Guarino, East Boston.



## GOVERNOR'S WIFE HONORED AT TEA

Women delegates attending Massachusetts grand convention in Boston honored Mrs. Foster Furcolo, wife of Governor Furcolo, standing fourth from left, at a tea. Mrs. Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, wife of newly elected Grand Venerable D'Agostino, is shown pouring. From left to right, Jennie Polcari, Belmont; Mrs. Theresa Scanzani, Beverly; Miss Elsie Apicella, Hopedale; Mrs. Furcolo, Grand Trustee Mrs. Josephine Daniele, Weymouth; Teresa Rosati, scholarship chairman, Hyde Park; Grand Recording Secretary Miss Sophie E. Gorrasi, Woburn; Second Assistant Grand Venerable Mrs. Madeline Miceli, Medford; Miss Edith L. D'Orazio, insurance commission secretary, Malden, and Miss Mae Gallo, Waban.

James and A. Edward Tedesco, chairman.

Mayor Catanoso was presented a desk set by Venerable Bottiglieri.

The lodge, currently conducting a drive for new members, reports that 56 new members have been recruited.

## Massachusetts Resolutions

### Gorrasi Lauded For Leadership

BOSTON — Delegates to the 45th annual Massachusetts grand convention praised the efforts of Supreme Venerable Gorrasi in a resolution and reaffirmed their faith in his leadership.

The resolution also noted that Brother Gorrasi has been "outspoken against public utterance tending to degrade the character of people of Italian ancestry, and has courageously insisted that the authorities put an end to such subversive organizations or cease making reference to them in connection with Italians."

## Eisenhower

President Eisenhower was lauded in a resolution for his "energetic and relentless efforts for peace and his continued fight against communism and other activities which are subversive to our American ideals."

## Herter

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts received the approval of delegates in a resolution which noted his interest in Italy and its people and "his sincere efforts for peace."

## Guarino

John Guarino, East Boston, outgoing Grand Venerable, was praised in a resolution for his dedication as a "son of Italy and

has demonstrated his love for our Order by his sincerity and devotion . . . and has unceasingly exemplified the true meaning of brotherly love."

## Struthers, Ohio

### Operaia Lodge Installation

STRUTHERS, Ohio — J. A. Mammone was installed for a 14th term as Venerable of Operaia Lodge No. 1122 at ceremonies held in the lodge quarters.

Grand Deputy Frank Citirro was installing officer. He was assisted by Jack Rose.

Other officers seated were, Dominic Melchionne, assistant venerable; Serafino Massiccoli, ex-venerable; Anthony Vitale, orator; Domenico Muto, recording secretary; Leonardo Panella, financial secretary; Carmine Clemente, treasurer; Patsy Pappia, Rocco Augustine, Frank Calve, Dominic Fazzalari, James Romeo, trustees; Catherine Mammone, Mary Melchionne, masters of ceremony; Joseph Piselli, sentinel.

Lodge members observed a moment of silence in honoring the memory of the late Filippo Mazzeo, lodge founder.

## Florida

### Abbondandolo Honored at Convention

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. —

The University of Miami and the 1958 Columbus Day Cruising Regatta Committee praised the Grand Lodge and the work of Renzo Abbondandolo in promoting last year's Columbus Day observance.

Brother Abbondandolo was presented a plaque and medallion by the regatta committee for his efforts in making the Columbus Day regatta a national success. The Grand Lodge placed a perpetual trophy in competition for the regatta's ocean racing division.

The presentation was made at the ABBONDANDOLO Grand Lodge installation banquet by Timothy J. Sullivan, regatta chairman.

Dr. E. Franklin Williams, vice president of the university, presented Abbondandolo with a scroll which noted that it was through his efforts that a bust of Christopher Columbus was donated by the Grand Lodge to the university.

Dr. Gustavo Serino, Cambridge, Mass., teacher of political sciences at the university, was principal speaker. He praised Brother Abbondandolo's work within the community and referred to him as "one of the most respected and loved civic leaders of Miami."



## TOMATO, JUICE MACHINE

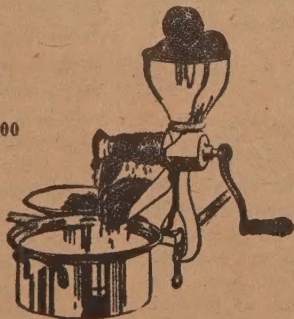
LARGE ALUMINUM MACHINE WITH WOODEN RAM

OUR PRICE

**\$10.50**

Plus Postage \$1.00

This Machine Will: Separate Pulp and Juice in ONE operation. Easy to operate. Save time and your hands.



(A \$14.50 Value)

WRITE FOR FREE CATALOG

Dealers Please Use Business Stationery

SEND CHECK OR MAILED C.O.D.

Importers of  
• Macaroni Machines  
• Gnocchi and Cavatelli Machines  
• Ravioli Makers  
• Neapolitan Coffee Makers

• Espresso Coffee Makers  
• Coffee Mills  
• Pepper Mills  
• Cheese Graters  
• Wood Ravioli Pins

• Rolling Pins (Extra Long)  
• Wine Bottles  
• Oil and Vinegar Twin Bottles  
• Pizzelle Makers

**CROSS HARDWARE CO., INC.**

IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALERS

210 HANOVER STREET

BOSTON, MASS.

All People Should Read The Great And Humorous Book

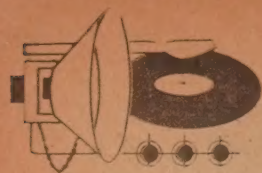
**BERTOLDO**

Translated by Brother Palmer DiGiulio, J.D.

**\$2.75**

**VANTAGE PRESS  
NEW YORK CITY**





## RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

The music world has long conceded that Mozart's influence on opera has been incalculable. There are those experts who even go so far as to argue that Mozart brought the Italian opera to a point from which future progress has been virtually impossible.

We do not propose to take issue with any of these points because our admiration for Mozart is such that the more we hear Mozart the more we wonder at the genius that made possible some of the best known works in the history of music.

In his short span of life Mozart gave to the music world more than 625 known works. Of these he wrote more than 40 symphonies, 23 concertos for piano and orchestra, 35 sonatas for violin and piano.

And in the last five years of his life, Mozart committed to paper five extended string quintets, his last three symphonies, two of his most important piano concertos and five operas!

These include his famous Don Giovanni, Le Nozze Di Figaro, Così Fan Tutte and the incomparable Magic Flute.

The magic of stereo, of course, has done wonders with Mozart operas.

London Records has made available for those who like operas in capsule form a series of "highlight" recordings of Mozart operas. Among these "The Magic Flute" and "Così Fan Tutte." They are beautifully done in stereo.

And to whet the music lover's appetite these new recordings feature such stars as Hilde Gueden, Cesare Siepi, Emmy Loose, Lisa della Casa and Leopold Simoneau.

**THE MAGIC FLUTE** — Excerpts from this Mozart opera have been well chosen. The overall sound is excellent and Hilde Gueden's singing is distinguished.

Added lustre to the recording is given by Karl Böhm conducting the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the Vienna State Opera Chorus.

**COSÌ FAN TUTTE** — Some of the finest singers in opera are featured in this gem. Lisa della Casa and Christa Ludwig, a comparative newcomer, perform expertly. The ensemble work is of the highest order. The recorded sound leaves little to be desired. And here too the Vienna State Opera Chorus and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra make this a pleasant excursion in recorded music.

### Ros Not For Opera

And speaking of opera, London has come up with a new twist in the new album **ROS AT THE OPERA**. Frankly, this is not the sort of treatment we care for in our opera. Latin rhythm has its place in music, but not for such cherished operatic arias as Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana, Caro Nome from Rigoletto, Drinking Song from La Traviata or La Donna E Mobile also from Rigoletto.

Ros, in our opinion, occupies a unique spot in the world of recorded music and that's Latin American dance music. When he applies his unusual technique to opera he's in a world where he doesn't belong.

### "Italian Symphony"

Out of the London hopper are two especially well done recordings of music by Mendelssohn. There is the perennial favorite

### LP Of The Month

Frank Chacksfield, we believe, has one of the best orchestras around these days. We have yet to hear a poor Chacksfield recording no matter what the music.

Chacksfield's latest release on the London label is **HOLLYWOOD ALMANAC**. It's in two discs and it features Academy Award winners in a 23 year span — 1934 to 1957.

Presented in wonderful stereo are, among others, "The Continental," "You'll Never Know," "White Christmas," "Over The Rainbow," "Swinging On A Star," "Buttons And Bows," etc.

You'll want these two recordings for your collection.

**SYMPHONY NO. 4 IN A, Op 90** better known as the Italian Symphony and **VIOLIN CONCERTO E MINOR, Op 64**.

George Solti conducts Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in the "Italian" symphony. As usual London's recorded sound is of the best, warm and well balanced.

Alfredo Campoli is the soloist in the violin concerto. Campoli is also featured on the second side of this album in Bruch's **SCOTTISH FANTASY, Op 46**. He plays it well, with warmth and understanding.

Sir Adrian Boult and the London Philharmonic Orchestra are particularly effective in their accompaniment in both the Mendelssohn concerto and Bruch's charming score.

### Waltzes, Waltzes

Those who like Strauss waltzes will find a wide selection in new recordings, all in stereo. Mantovani's admirers will want his stereo recording (PS-118) of the more familiar Strauss waltzes. Another excellent London recording is (PS-115) which features two pianos. The pianists, Rawicz and Landauer, do themselves credit in this new release.

Janus, a new label, has a good collection of Strauss waltzes in the recording (FST-2003) and Urania's contribution to the current Strauss releases is the album (USD-1003).

### Capsule Reviews

**NEVER TOO LATE FOR DANCING**: This Felsted release is one of the best stereo recordings of dance music we've heard in recent months. Joe Leahy's orchestra is tops in such tuneful hits as "Fools Rush In," "It's A Sin To Tell A Lie" and "A Ross And A Prayer."

**DANCERS' CHOICE**: Chas, Chas, Polkas, Charlestons are to be found in Warner Bros. Records "sampler" (111). This disc offers a wide variety of dancing music. It's good listening music, too.

## IN THE MAIL BAG

# Mafia Campaign Reaction

What is the reaction to the steps taken by the Order's National Committee on Public Relations to curb the misuse of the word Mafia? Perhaps the best answer to this will be found in letters reaching National Public Relations Chairman A. Alfred Marcello. On this page we are publishing a cross-section of letters received up to press time.

### Peter W. Rodino, Jr.

U. S. Representative  
10th District, N. J.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 27th, together with the July issue of the OSIA NEWS. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in calling these items to my attention, and I understand and share your deep concern.

Your intelligent approach to this problem is commendable. I am confident that in the long run, tackled wisely and on a "broad front" with utmost care and courage, this horrible ogre will be put to rout.

Your organization has a great background and commands respect. It has reflected credit on all of us because of its splendid achievements. I am certain that with positive but firm affirmation of the contribution of the many Americans of Italian origin, and the Italians who migrated here to help build this great Nation, you will succeed in your objective.

You will undoubtedly be interested in the attached enclosures relating to this problem. I would appreciate your returning "The Mafia" to me, however.

Again I want to thank you for your interest.

### Paul A. Fino

U. S. Representative  
25th District, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 27, together with enclosures, for which I thank you.

I, too, am very much concerned with the unfavorable publicity directed against Americans of Italian extraction as a result of the word mafia. I appreciate your keeping me posted on your activity.

### John A. LaFore, Jr.

U. S. Representative  
13th District, Pa.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Thank you for your letter of June 27th, transmitting copies of the July issue of OSIA NEWS, covering information on the Mafia.

While I have not yet had the time to read these articles, I do appreciate the opportunity to look into this much-discussed subject — keeping abreast of what you are doing and what you will do to counteract unfavorable publicity.

Every good wish.

### Silvio O. Conte

U. S. Representative  
First District, Mass.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 27, 1959 together with the July issue of OSIA NEWS.

I certainly want to compliment you and my brothers for the tremendous job that you are doing in counteracting the unfavorable publicity that the people of Italian origin are receiving here in the United States.

### Foster Furcolo

Governor of Massachusetts

Dear Al:

I want to tell you how much I appreciate your kindness in sending me the paper. There has been a great deal of talk of the kind you are trying to do something about. I discussed it recently with John Guarino, who is interested too. It is an extremely unfortunate situation.

### Michael V. DiSalle

Governor of Ohio

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the copies of the OSIA NEWS and the article you suggested I read.

I appreciate your position in the matter and the fact that you are keeping me informed on what is being done.

### Robert A. Cuccaro

Worcester, Mass.

Dear Al:

To you and your kind must fall the responsibility of taking the initiative in guarding the sacred heritage of the many persons of Italian extraction in this country. The rest of us, who seek refuge and excuse in the statement that we are too busy with our everyday tasks to do anything about guarding and defending our names, must at least encourage your efforts.

Of course I am referring to your recent coverage of the "Bogey Man Myth of the Mafia," in the July issue of the OSIA NEWS.

To use a much overworked word, **CONGRATULATIONS**. Please continue to present the facts as you have done in the past. Take courage in the fact that while many of us do not take the time to tell you so, we do appreciate your efforts.

### Joseph Cava

Salinas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

The issue of July 1959 is a very fine issue. It battles the few who reap fortunes in degrading persons, groups or races of people. Their subject is the Mafia.

It is becoming a byword as the Ku Klux Klan, Fascist, Nazi and Communist. Unless we do something it will build up to a threat to the Italian people.

I believe we must:

- (1) Attack the Mafia by going on record against them.
- (2) Ask the government to aggressively punish criminals connected with any criminal groups.
- (3) Protest to those who publicize it for personal gains which builds race hatred towards the innocents.

(Editor's note: Brother Cava requested 25 copies of the July issue for distribution in his area as an assist to our campaign.)

## McCLELLAN

Continued From Page One  
does exist in some sections of the country.

Some refer to such organizations as the Mafia. Some believe it actually to be the Mafia as it may have come over to us from Italy. I do not know. There is evidence, however, that tends to establish the connection.

I am quite confident that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has far more information than does the Senate Select Committee, and I would certainly be willing to accept his opinion or conclusion as to whether a Mafia really exists in the United States. I, therefore, would suggest that you direct the question to him. It may be that he can give you more positive statements, one way or the other, than I am able to give you.

## HOOVER

Continued From Page One

fia may have been used. In this regard, your observation that the FBI has never publicly commented on the Mafia is correct. It is also true the FBI does not comment upon the origin or ancestry of persons involved in any matter within our jurisdiction. In compiling statistics for the Uniform Crime Reports published periodically, no reference is made to national origin.

The responsibilities of the FBI as an investigative agency are clearly defined by law and our jurisdiction is primarily concerned with the investigation of violations of certain Federal statutes. The results of

our investigative activity are submitted to those persons charged with the responsibility of determining whether prosecution or any further action will be entertained in the event an individual is arrested or charged with a violation of the laws of the United States, then and only then is any comment released to the public in accordance with the over-all procedure followed by the Department of Justice.

I have gone into some detail in this connection as I feel you as National Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of your organization are entitled to have this background. It is also important to recognize that it has always been the policy of the FBI to treat with the utmost respect and confidence any information which it has developed during the course of its investigations.

Any such information which is disclosed by the FBI is done so in a court of law under established procedures and under close scrutiny. The protection of the rights of any individual is of paramount importance in our American way of life.

I do wish to again assure you of my understanding of your great concern and I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your kind comment concerning the work of the FBI and concerning the respect which you state millions of Americans have for our organization. I have taken the liberty of furnishing a copy of your communication to the Attorney General for his information.



## Action By Two Grand Lodges

### Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Call For Action in the Mafia

Two grand Lodges—Pennsylvania and Massachusetts—have adopted resolutions calling on Supreme Lodge officials to communicate with government officials in the controversy over the use of the word Mafia.

Pennsylvania approved a resolution at the Grand Lodge convention in Reading, Pa. Massachusetts voted similar action at the Grand Lodge convention in Boston.

Both resolutions pointed out that the frequent use of the word Mafia without regard for fact have affected the "lives of our people" because "such utterances are synonymous with people of Italian origin."

The resolutions asked the Supreme Venerable and the Supreme Executive Council "to take the necessary action to communicate with appropriate government officials and urge that such organizations of crime if any exist be exposed and prosecuted or that further reference to them cease."

## Supreme Venerable Meets The Press

### Interview at Reading, Pa.

While attending sessions of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge convention, Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi held a press conference in Reading, Pa., at which he told reporters how the Order proposed to go about curbing "the free and easy use of the word Mafia."

Here are excerpts from an article which appeared in the Reading Times under the byline of Martin Salditch, a staff reporter for the Times.

The national leader of the Order Sons of Italy said last night it is time for law-enforcement officials to break up the Mafia — or admit it is a myth.

Joseph Gorrasi, Supreme Venerable, said he will call upon the state convention opening today in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel to take action on the matter.

The Woburn (Mass.) attorney told newsmen on convention eve that he will suggest passage of a resolution asking Federal Bureau of Investigation director J. Edgar Hoover, U. S. Sen. John L. McClellan and U. S. Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers to disclose whether they have any evidence of Mafia activities.

"To a certain extent," said Gorrasi, "the free use of the word 'Mafia' has had its effect on the good name of Americans of Italian extraction."

Use of the term, Mafia, reputed gangland organization originating in Sicily, has increased in newspapers, magazines and television since the famed Apalachin (N.Y.) convention in 1957, the Sons of Italy leader said.

All the "delegates" to this convention were of Italian extraction, sparking talk of a Mafia connection.

Gorrasi said the only testimony he has seen by a federal agent that the Mafia exists was given before the Senate Rackets Committee last June.

At that time, a Federal Bureau of Narcotics man told Sen. Mc-

Clellan's group that the "predominant traffic in narcotics" in the last 15 years was "in the hands of the Mafia."

Gorrasi commented, "Speaking as an attorney, this was hearsay. Nowhere is there any evidence regarding U. S. activities of the Mafia."

He said the narcotics bureau may wish to create the impression that the Mafia exists in order to justify its increased requests for operating funds.

Gorrasi, 57, who came to America in 1911, said he has never seen any evidence of Mafia activities during his court experience, or in private life.

Gorrasi explained he expects other state lodges of the Sons of Italy to pass similar resolutions, which will go to the national lodge headquarters.

"I want to make my position clear," said Gorrasi. "We do not want to protect criminals of any extraction. If there is a Mafia, it should be exposed."

If there is not an organization of Italian-born criminals, this fact should also be made clear to the public, he said.

Gorrasi said the term "Mafia" has been used as a "sales gimmick" by press and television, and lends the impression that most criminals are Italians.

The supreme venerable said the national office plans a public relations campaign to "combat these things" by showing the contributions to American life made by noted Italian-Americans.

## CONVENTION AGENDA

Continued From Page One

the past 18 months with limited funds. More could be accomplished with adequate funds.

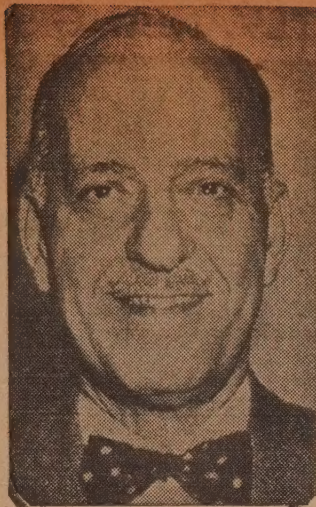
The Public Relations Committee is also conducting a publicity program for the forthcoming Supreme Convention.

### Adoption of "Purple"

In other deliberations, delegates will act on the adoption of the color purple as the official color of the Order. The "wearing of the purple" on Columbus Day has met with success throughout the country since it was first introduced in 1957. The Ritual Committee will also present a uniform purple emblem for adoption to keep the "purple" worn on Columbus Day more closely associated with the Sons of Italy

Other topics to be discussed at the business sessions will be the national membership drive, OSIA NEWS, Italian culture, the Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum, Historical Society, revision of laws, ritual and judicial code; immigration and naturalization, finance, national insurance program, youth program and resolutions.

Members planning to attend the convention can receive information regarding hotel accommodations, etc., by writing to: Order Sons of Italy in America, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Supreme Convention Committee, 24 Province Street, Boston 8, Mass.



JUDGE ALESSANDRINI  
Marconi Award Winner

## AWARD

Continued From Page One

a base of Italian marble. It symbolizes victory and glory.

### Original Design

The figure holds a cluster of laurel in her left hand. In the palm of her upraised right hand she holds aloft a figure which denotes victory. It is an original design done by the noted sculptor, Aristide Cianforani of Rhode Island.

Judge Alessandrini, who will be presented the award at the Supreme convention banquet, has been a member of the bench of the Court of Common Pleas No. 5 since 1928.

He has been Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order since 1923, having been recently re-elected by acclamation to a 19th term.

## REACTION

Continued From Page One

Mafia as it may have come over to us from Italy, I do not know. There is evidence, however, that tends to establish the connection."

On the other hand, Senator Goldwater makes these observations in his reply:

"I would quite agree with you that there has been no substantial evidence produced that would support well-publicized statements that there exists a 'Mafia' in the United States."

And to go a step further. Note that Senator McClellan suggests that we direct inquiries regarding the existence of the Mafia to FBI Director Hoover.

We have already done that and we have received a reply from the FBI chief. The FBI director in his letter to Public Relations Chairman Marcello made the following observations:

1. The FBI has never publicly commented on whether a Mafia does exist in the United States.

2. And we quote: "You can be sure I fully understand the great concern which the National Committee on Public Relations, Order Sons of Italy in America, has voiced with reference to the manner in which the word Mafia is used."

## LEGISLATURE

Continued From Page One

clear official statement be made if such an organization does not exist.

House members called on Governor Lawrence to issue an executive order requesting state law enforcing agencies to "cease and desist" from using the word Mafia. It also asked the press, radio and television stations to aid in preventing the unfair indictment of hard-working, law-abiding Americans of Italian descent by the use of the term and other similar terms.

## Supreme Chaplain's Corner

### "Remember That Thou Keep Holy the Sabbath Day"

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

The minimum requirement to fulfill this Third Commandment of God is to attend Church on Sunday, and to abstain from servile work.

In order to help them observe Sunday as a Holy Day, and not merely as another day of the week, a group of Catholics have drawn up a 'Sunday Code.' Among other resolutions that they made, are the following:

1. I will not do any unnecessary buying, selling or shopping on Sunday. 2. I will foster deeper family unity through Sunday family worship. 3. I will take advantage of the leisure provided on this day to broaden my knowledge of Christian principles and teachings. 4. I will seek that rest and relaxation that befits the Sabbath and strengthens family ties, remembering that my conduct gives a powerful example—for good or for evil."

The Edmonton Churchman reports: FR. PALLOTTA "Statistics show that the average person of 70 years has spent 3 years in education, 8 years in amusement, 6 years in eating, 11 years in working, 24 years in sleeping, 5½ years in washing and dressing, 6 years in walking, 3 years in conversation, 3 years in reading and 6 MONTHS IN WORSHIPPING GOD."



## EXHIBIT

Continued From Page Three

them by television publicists. A spot check of a number of daily newspapers in the East showed that on the day of the repeat broadcast editors in writing about the program gingerly sidestepped the word Mafia and substituted crime syndicate.

"The Night the Phone Rang" told the story of a Sicilian immigrant couple living in San Felipe, Calif. By a weird chain of events, the sort that only Hollywood can conjure, the husband is black-mailed into becoming the trigger man for a syndicate. The characters — and we use the word advisedly — virtually whisper the word Mafia whenever the script calls for its use.

And talk about twists — the writer tagged two characters heading up the Mafia with such names as Woodson and Mannheim.

CBS, Westinghouse and Desi Arnaz are the same combination that sired the television production, "The Untouchables," which was concerned with Al Capone and his era.

Quite obviously CBS, Westinghouse and Desi Arnaz will bear close watching from herein.

## QUESTIONS

Continued From Page One

nite proof should be made public.

"And if there is nothing to substantiate the belief that there is a Mafia then let this be made public."

Chairman Marcello said in the letters that "as far as we know, there hasn't been a single incident either on a local or national level to support the theory that there is a Mafia in this country."

And on that basis Marcello said the Order is asking that appropriate action be taken.

"We ask this," Marcello wrote, "because we honestly believe the situation that exists today is intolerable and damaging to the prestige and reputation of every American of Italian origin."

In the letters to Attorney General Rogers and FBI Director Hoover, Chairman Marcello posed questions which asked whether the Department of Justice or the FBI had ever attempted an investigation as to whether

## Members Offered Package Plan For Social Events

A package plan has been prepared by the Supreme Convention Committee for members who will participate in the convention's social functions.

The package, at a cost of \$30 per person, will enable the member to attend the banquet, clambake, Governor's luncheon, Mayor's breakfast, convention luncheon, tour, and be given transportation to Revere for the memorial Mass, and to East Boston for a visit to the Don Orione Home.

Prices for each function, without the package, are, banquet, \$7.50; clambake, \$4.00; Governor's luncheon, \$5.80; Mayor's breakfast, \$3.50; convention luncheon, \$5.80; tour \$2.50 and transportation, \$3.50. There is a savings of \$2.70 with the package plan.

the Mafia did exist in this country.

Marcello also asked if such investigations had been made and did they uncover a Mafia organization operating in this country.

Each of the three government officials were asked to reply to Marcello's queries so that the members of the Order could be kept posted.

All letters were drafted following conferences with Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi. On instructions from the Supreme Venerable, Public Relations Chairman Marcello stated clearly in all letters that in the event positive proof is made public that the Mafia does exist in this country, "the Order Sons of Italy in America will support with every resource at its command any move to apprehend and prosecute those associated with the Mafia."

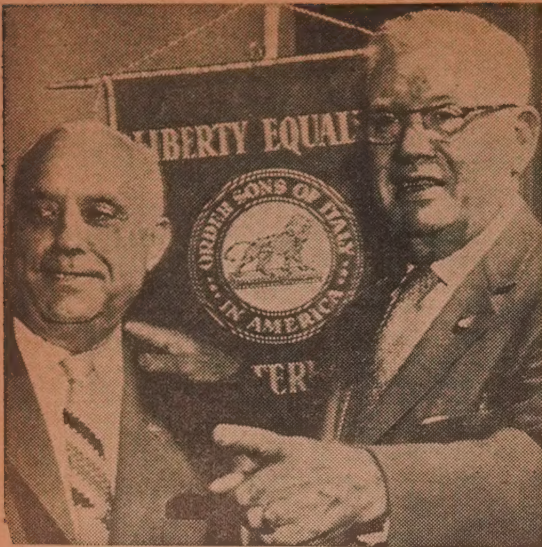
## New York Lodges Hold Bazaar

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Members of Binghamton Lodge No. 487 and Silver Star Lodge No. 1916 sponsored a bazaar last month.

The two-day event was held at the Sears & Roebuck Co. parking lot. Joseph Pasquale was general chairman.

Part of the proceeds will be placed in the lodge's scholarship fund. For the past six years the men's lodge has presented scholastic grants, called Cicero Awards, to high school students proficient in the study of Latin.





Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorras, Woburn, Mass., left, chats with Grand Treasurer Anthony Zaffiro, Pennsylvania convention general chairman, at opening day sessions held in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.



Mrs. Mary Ciccarone, Philadelphia, center, president of the Pennsylvania Women's Division, is congratulated by Congresswoman Mary Vallaro, left, and Mary DiSilvestro, vice president of the Dante School for Children at Concordville.



Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, right, administers oath of office to President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable, at installation ceremonies climaxed the five-day convention held at Reading.

### Gorras Speaker at Pennsylvania

## Convention Highlights

READING, Pa.—Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorras, Woburn, Mass., was principal speaker at the opening session of the Pennsylvania grand convention held at the Abraham Lincoln hotel.

Gorras's message to the delegates pointed out the Order's fight against the free use of the word 'Mafia,' which, he said, "has had its effect on the good name of Americans of Italian extraction."

In other convention highlights, Grand Venerable Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Treasurer and Mrs. Anthony Zaffiro were honored at ceremonies proclaimed in their honor.

President Judge Alessandrini was praised by speakers at an Alessandrini Day luncheon. Speakers were U. S. Rep. John H. Dent and President Judge Adrian Bonnelly of Philadelphia Municipal Court.

The Pennsylvania leader was presented with a gold electric wrist watch, a gift from the Grand Lodge.

#### Zaffiros Honored

Convention delegates observed a Zaffiro Day and honored the 50-year member of the Order at the convention banquet.

Brother Zaffiro, convention general chairman, is one of the founders of Reading Lodge No. 29, which observed its 50th anniversary at the convention.

The Grand Lodge presented Brother Zaffiro with a portrait of himself that was etched in black marble. The gift was the work of Anthony Bevilacqua, Philadelphia artist.

Mrs. Rose Zaffiro was honored by the Pennsylvania Women's Division as the "Sons of Italy Woman of the Year." She was presented an engraved silver bowl by Mrs. Mary Ciccarone, division president.

First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, New Haven, Conn., was principal speaker.

Other speakers lauding the Zaffiros were Judge Alessandrini, Judge Bonnelly, State Sen. Anthony DiSilvestro, Philadelphia; State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, Cleveland, Grand Ven-

erable of the Ohio Order, and Mayor Daniel F. McDevitt.

Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Philadelphia, was toastmaster.

Zaffiro has been alderman in Reading's First Ward since 1928 and is scheduled to retire at the end of this year.

In other social highlights, delegates and their families attended wreath-laying ceremonies at the Christopher Columbus monument and Soldier's Memorial in City Park; a Mass at Holy Rosary Church; a clambake at the Eagle's Mountain Home, and a performance of Donizetti's "Don Pasquale," Italian opera presented by the Philadelphia Lyric Theater.

### Pennsylvania Legislature

## Cites Alessandrini Leadership

READING, Pa. — President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable, was recognized for his outstanding leadership in a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives at Harrisburg.

The resolution, introduced by State Rep. Mary Vallaro, Philadelphia, majority whip of the House, also praised the Grand Lodge for its efforts "to Amer-

### Pennsylvania Youth Center Program Wins Endorsement

READING, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Grand Lodge's plan to erect youth centers within the state won the endorsement of delegates here.

Membership cards will go on sale in each of the delegates' home districts to raise funds for the state-wide program.

Arnold Orsatti, chairman of the Youth Center Committee, announced that the program calls for the construction of a \$250,000 center in Philadelphia. Other youth centers will be constructed "where needed," he said.

Orsatti announced that the committee had received a pledge of \$1,000 from John P. Crisconi of Philadelphia.

icanize Italian immigrants to help them to understand and love America as their adopted country and promote and teach good citizenship among all persons of Italian extraction."

The resolution further expressed the hope that Judge Alessandrini "will continue to be an inspiration to its members and to the citizenry of this commonwealth."

### COLORFUL NORRISTOWN, PA., DELEGATION



Representing the largest lodge in the Order, delegates from Antonio Meucci Lodge of Norristown, added a colorful note to the Pennsylvania grand convention. Leading the delegation were Supreme Trustees Dr. A. L. Ventura, seated second from left, and Venerable Edward A. Durante, seated third from left.

### Supreme Convention

## Social Highlights

Visits by Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorras, Woburn, Mass., to His Eminence, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Gov. Foster Furcolo and Mayor John B. Hynes prior to the official opening of the five-day Supreme Lodge convention will highlight the social program.

Visitations by Supreme Venerable Gorras will be made Wednesday, August 19.

The 1959 Supreme convention will also mark the first time in the 54-year history of the Order that a Supreme Chaplain will open the convention with prayer. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Mass., named Supreme Chaplain by Brother Gorras following the 1957 San Francisco convention, will give the invocation.

#### Social Events

Other events on the convention's social calendar:

Thursday, August 20, Governor Furcolo's welcoming luncheon, honoring Supreme Venerable Gorras, Venetian Room, 12:30 p.m. Informal dance, Oval Room, in the evening.

Friday, August 21, clambake to be held at the Sons of Italy Park, Brockton, 5 p.m. Buses will leave hotel at 3:30 p.m., and return at 11 p.m.

Saturday, August 22, Mayor's breakfast, Oval Room, 9 a.m. Convention banquet, main ballroom, 6:30 p.m. The Order's highest honor, the Guglielmo Marconi

Award, will be presented to President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order.

Sunday, August 23, Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Revere. Buses will leave hotel at 9 a.m. Monsignor Pallotta will be celebrant. Tour of Don Orione Home, East Boston, and light breakfast. Tour of historical sites at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, August 24, Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Oval room. Installation of officers in the afternoon.

#### To Present Awards

Highlighting the various luncheons will be presentation of awards to Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago; Past Supreme Venerable Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass., and Past Supreme Venerable Frank J. V. Gimino, Jersey City, N. J.

Awards for outstanding service to the Order also will be presented to Supreme Financial Secretary A. A. DeMartini, Philadelphia, and Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Glen-side, Pa.

### TRY THE NEWEST CIGARS IN AMERICA

## PARODI PRINCE

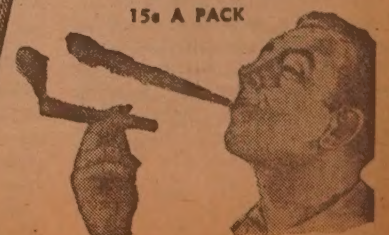
AS LIGHT AS A FEATHER

MILD AS THE DEW

Try these new cigars soon... It's the newest smoking sensation to be introduced in years. Mello-Blended with fine tobaccos... It's a mild American cigar, with a Continental Flair.

Buy Some Today!

15 a PACK



MORE BODY IN YOUR SMOKING PLEASURE? TRY PARODI REGULARS